

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 9 and 10 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend Claims 11-22 to read as follows. (It is noted that Claims 12, 14-16, 18-21 are withdrawn from consideration.)

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) An ink jet recording head ~~provided with~~
comprising:

a recording ~~elemental~~ element substrate ~~having provided with~~ a discharge port
group for discharging ~~ink,~~ ink;

an electric wiring substrate electrically connected with said recording ~~elemental~~
~~substrate,~~ and element substrate;

a supporting member for ~~holding and fixing~~ supporting said recording ~~elemental~~
~~substrate and said electrical wiring substrate, comprising:~~ element substrate;

a sealing area positioned on said supporting member adjacent to said recording
element substrate; and

a ~~filler~~ sealant retaining portion ~~communicated~~ communicating with ~~the said~~
sealing area ~~requiring sealing.~~

12. (Withdrawn) An ink jet recording head according to Claim 11, wherein
said ~~filler~~ sealant retaining portion is ~~the~~ an opening portion arranged on ~~the~~ a reverse side of the

a surface of said supporting member for supporting said recording ~~elemental~~ element substrate and ~~communicated~~ communicating with ~~the~~ an area adjacent to ~~the~~ a side face of said recording ~~elemental~~ element substrate.

13. (Currently Amended) An ink jet recording head according to Claim 11, wherein sealing resin is filled from said ~~filter~~ sealant retaining portion onto ~~the~~ a circumference of said recording ~~elemental~~ element substrate.

14. (Withdrawn) An ink jet recording head according to Claim 11, wherein said ~~filter~~ sealant retaining portion is arranged toward ~~the~~ a vicinity of ~~the~~ a center of ~~the~~ a reverse side of ~~the~~ a portion electrically connecting said recording ~~elemental~~ element substrate and said wiring substrate.

15. (Withdrawn) An ink jet recording head according to Claim 11, wherein said ~~filter~~ sealant retaining portion is tapered thinner toward said recording ~~elemental~~ element substrate.

16. (Withdrawn) An ink jet recording head according to Claim 11, wherein ~~each of~~ said ~~filter~~ sealant retaining portions ~~is~~ comprises portions arranged to be positioned on ~~the~~ a sealing location on one side of said recording ~~elemental~~ element substrate and on ~~the~~ a sealing location on ~~the side opposite to said location~~ an opposite side of said recording element substrate.

17. (Currently Amended) An ink jet recording head according to Claim 11, wherein said ~~(supporting member)~~ comprises a supporting plate provided with ~~the~~ an opening portion for said recording ~~elemental~~ element substrate to be in contact with ~~said supporting member,~~ being inclusively placed between said wiring substrate and said supporting member to hold and fix said wiring ~~substrate;~~ substrate, and a supporting substrate for holding and fixing said recording ~~elemental~~ element substrate by being inclusively placed between said recording ~~elemental~~ element substrate and said supporting member.

18. (Withdrawn) An ink jet recording head according to Claim 17, wherein said supporting substrate is provided with a communicating hole ~~communicated from the said~~ filter communicating said sealant retaining portion arranged on ~~the~~ a reverse side of said supporting member to with a portion between said recording ~~elemental~~ element substrate and said supporting plate.

19. (Withdrawn) An ink jet recording head according to Claim 15, wherein ~~the~~ a diameter of ~~the~~ a hole of said ~~filter~~ sealant retaining portion tapered thinner toward ~~the~~ a leading end thereof is substantially equal to ~~the~~ a diameter of ~~said~~ a communicating hole of ~~the~~ a supporting substrate.

20. (Withdrawn) An ink jet recording head according to Claim 17, wherein a plurality of ~~said~~ communicating holes are arranged to ~~be communicated~~ communicate with said ~~filter~~ sealant retaining portion.

21. (Withdrawn) An ink jet recording head according to Claim 17, wherein ~~said~~ a communicating hole arranged for said supporting substrate is itself to become a ~~filter~~ sealant retaining portion.

22. (Currently Amended) An ink jet recording head according to Claim 11, wherein said ~~filter~~ filling sealant retaining portion is a stepping portion of said supporting member for supporting said recording ~~elemental~~ element substrate, and said recording ~~elemental~~ element substrate, and is ~~the~~ a portion adjacent to one side face of said recording ~~elemental~~ element substrate having no electrode terminals arranged therefor.

23. (Original) An ink jet recording apparatus provided with a carriage having an ink jet recording head according to Claim 11 mounted thereon.
